

#### **F. Disallowance of Claims**

Any Claims held by Entities from which property is recoverable under sections 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or that is a transferee of a transfer avoidable under sections 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed Disallowed pursuant to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Holders of such Claims may not receive any distributions on account of such Claims until such time as such Causes of Action against that Entity have been settled or a Bankruptcy Court order with respect thereto has been entered and all sums due, if any, to the Debtors by that Entity have been turned over or paid to the Debtors, the Plan Administrator or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable. All Proofs of Claim Filed on account of an Indemnification Obligation shall be deemed satisfied and expunged from the Claims Register as of the Effective Date to the extent such Indemnification Obligation is assumed (or honored or reaffirmed, as the case may be) pursuant to the Plan, without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

Pursuant to the terms of the Bar Date Order, if Proofs of Claim are not received by the Notice and Claims Agent on or before the Prepetition Claims Bar Date, the Administrative Claims Bar Date (as required), or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and except in the case of certain exceptions explicitly set forth in the Bar Date Order, the Holders of the underlying Claims shall be barred from asserting such claims against the Debtors and precluded from voting on any plans of reorganization filed in these Chapter 11 Cases and/or receiving distributions from the Debtors on account of such claims in these Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, shall be authorized to update the Claims Register to remove any claims not received by the Notice and Claims Agent before the Prepetition Claims Bar Date, Administrative Claims Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and not subject to an exception as set forth above; *provided* that the Debtors will provide notice to such Claimant at the address or email address on the Proof of Claim, to the extent such information is provided, informing such Claimant that its Claim will be removed from the Claims Register as a result of being untimely filed.

#### **G. Amendments to Claims**

On or after the Effective Date, a Claim (other than a Claim arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or a Claim filed by the Administrative Claims Bar Date) may not be Filed or amended without the prior authorization of the Bankruptcy Court, the Plan Administrator or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, and the Plan Administrator and the Wind-Down Debtors shall be authorized to update the Claims Register to remove any such new or amended Claim Filed; *provided* that the Debtors will provide notice to such Claimant at the address or email address on the Proof of Claim, to the extent such information is provided, informing such Claimant that its Claim will be adjusted or removed from the Claims Register.

#### **H. No Distributions Pending Allowance**

If an objection to a Claim or portion thereof is Filed, no payment or distribution provided under the Plan shall be made on account of such Claim or portion thereof unless and until such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable.

#### **I. Distributions After Allowance**

To the extent that a Disputed Claim ultimately becomes an Allowed Claim, distributions shall be made to the Holder of such Allowed Claim in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. As soon as reasonably practicable after the date that the order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court allowing any

Disputed Claim becomes a Final Order, the Wind-Down Debtors shall provide to the Holder of such Claim the distribution to which such Holder is entitled under the Plan as of the Effective Date, less any previous distribution (if any) that was made on account of the undisputed portion of such Claim, without any interest, dividends, or accruals to be paid on account of such Claim unless required under applicable bankruptcy law or as otherwise provided herein.

## **ARTICLE X. SETTLEMENT, RELEASE, INJUNCTION, AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

### **A. Compromise and Settlement of Claims, Interests, and Controversies**

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and in consideration for the distributions and other benefits provided pursuant to the Plan, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, the distributions, rights, and treatment that are provided in the Plan shall be in complete settlement, compromise, and release, effective as of the Effective Date, of Claims, Interests, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on Claims or Interests from and after the Petition Date, whether known or unknown, against, liabilities of, Liens on, obligations of, rights against, and Interests in, the Debtors or any of their assets or properties, regardless of whether any property shall have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims and Interests, including demands, liabilities, and Causes of Action that arose before the Effective Date, any liability (including withdrawal liability) to the extent such Claims or Interests relate to services performed by employees of the Debtors before the Effective Date and that arise from a termination of employment, any contingent or non-contingent liability on account of representations or warranties issued on or before the Effective Date, and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case whether or not: (1) a Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Filed or deemed Filed pursuant to section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code; (2) a Claim or Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Allowed pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (3) the Holder of such a Claim or Interest has accepted the Plan. The Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of the settlement, compromise, and release of all Claims and Interests subject to the Effective Date occurring. In accordance with the provisions of the Plan, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, after the Effective Date, the Plan Administrator, or Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, may compromise and settle any Claims and Causes of Action against other Entities.

### **B. Release of Liens**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan, all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estates shall be fully released and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any Holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Wind-Down Debtors and their successors and assigns, in each case, without any further approval or order of the Bankruptcy Court and without any action or Filing being required to be made by the Debtors or Wind-Down Debtors; *provided that* notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Liens securing the DIP Claims and FILO Claims shall not be released and such Liens shall remain in full force and effect until Payment in Full (as defined in the Final DIP Order) of the DIP Claims or FILO Claims, as applicable, and the Liens securing the DIP Claims and FILO Claims shall continue with the same validity and priority set forth in the Final DIP Order. The Prepetition Agents shall execute and deliver all documents reasonably requested by the Wind-Down Debtors or the Plan Administrator to evidence the release of such

mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests and shall authorize the Wind-Down Debtors to file UCC-3 termination statements (to the extent applicable) with respect thereto.

**C. Releases by the Debtors**

Pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party other than the D&O Parties is deemed released and discharged by and on behalf of the Debtors and their respective Estates, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any cause of action, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors or their respective Estates, that the Debtors or their respective Estates would have been legally entitled to assert in its own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in the Debtors based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the management, ownership, or operation thereof), any securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, any intercompany transaction, the ABL Claims, the ABL Obligations, the FILO Claims, the FILO Obligations, the Prepetition Credit Agreement, the Prepetition Credit Facility Documents, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement or the Asset Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the ABL Claims, the ABL Obligations, the DIP Facility, the FILO Claims, the FILO Obligations, the Prepetition Credit Agreement, the Prepetition Credit Facility Documents, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Liquidation Documents, solicitation of votes on the Plan, the prepetition negotiation and settlement of Claims, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Asset Sale Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including the Liquidation Documents, and other documents, instruments and agreements set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Debtor release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor release is: (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the restructuring and implementing the Plan; (b) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtor release; (c) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (d) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (e) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (f) a bar to any of the Debtors, Wind-Down Debtors, or the Debtors' respective Estates asserting any claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor release.

Any contrary provision hereof notwithstanding, nothing contained in this Plan, including the foregoing Debtor release will release, compromise, impair, or in any way affect any Non-Released Claims, including the D&O Claims. For the avoidance of doubt, the releases by the Debtors set forth in this Art V.C of the Plan do not extend to, and do not release, any properly pled direct claim against a Released Party held by a creditor.

**D. Release by Holders of Claims or Interests**

As of the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, each Releasing Party is deemed to have released and discharged each of the Debtors and Released Parties from any and all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including waiving any and all rights any of the foregoing parties may have under any applicable statute, including but not limited to California Civil Code § 1542, which provides: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY," or any doctrine or principle of law restricting the release of claims that a releasor does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing a release, which claims, if known, may have materially affected the releasor's decision to give the release, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the management, ownership or operation thereof), any securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, any intercompany transaction, the ABL Claims, the ABL Obligations, the FILO Claims, the FILO Obligations, the Prepetition Credit Agreement, the Prepetition Credit Facility Documents, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Asset Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Facility, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the ABL Claims, the ABL Obligations, the FILO Claims, the FILO Obligations, the Prepetition Credit Agreement, the Prepetition Credit Facility Documents, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Liquidation Documents, solicitation of votes on the Plan, the prepetition negotiation and settlement of Claims, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for Claims and Causes of Action related to any act or omission that is determined in a final order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the "third party release" set forth above does not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Liquidation Transaction, or any Asset Sale Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including the Liquidation Documents and other documents, instruments, and agreements set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or any Asset Sale Transaction.

Without limiting the foregoing, from and after the Effective Date, any Entity (other than the DIP Agent, the DIP Lenders, the ABL Agent, the FILO Lenders, or the FILO Agent) that is given the opportunity to opt out of the releases contained in this Article X.D and does not exercise such opt out may not assert any claim or other Cause of Action against any Released Party based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors. From and after the Effective Date, any Entity (other than the DIP Agent, the DIP Lenders, the ABL Agent, the FILO Lenders, or the FILO Agent) that opted out of (or otherwise did not participate in) the releases contained in this Article X.D may not assert any claim or other Cause of Action against any Released Party for which it is asserted or implied that such claim or Cause of Action is not subject to the releases contained in Article X.C of the Plan without first obtaining a Final Order from the Bankruptcy Court (a) determining, after notice and a hearing, that such claim or Cause of Action is not subject to the releases contained in Article X.C of the Plan and (b) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to

bring such claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party. For the avoidance of doubt, the terms of this paragraph shall not apply to the Plan Administrator. The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a claim or Cause of Action constitutes a direct or derivative claim, is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Article XIII of the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying claim or Cause of Action.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the third-party release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and, further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the third-party release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the confirmation of the Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating any Asset Sale Transaction and implementing the Plan; (d) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the third-party release; (e) in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective Estates; (f) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (g) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (h) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the third-party release.

Any contrary provision hereof notwithstanding, nothing contained in this Plan, including the foregoing release shall release, compromise, impair or in any way affect any Non-Released Claims, including the D&O Claims.

#### **E. Exculpation**

No Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is exculpated from, any Cause of Action or any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the DIP Facility, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement and the Asset Sale Transactions, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of debt, and/or securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for Claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a final order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes on, and distribution of consideration pursuant to, the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any Claim relating to any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Asset Sale Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including the Liquidation Documents, and other documents, instruments and agreements set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Any contrary provision hereof notwithstanding, nothing contained in this Plan, including the foregoing exculpation shall release, compromise, impair, exculpate or in any way affect any Non-Released Claims, including the D&O Claims.

#### **F. Injunction**

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities that: (a) are subject to compromise and settlement pursuant to the terms of the Plan; (b) have been released by the Debtors pursuant to the Plan; (c) have been released by third parties pursuant to the Plan, (d) are subject to exculpation pursuant to the Plan; or (e) are otherwise discharged, satisfied, stayed or terminated pursuant to the terms of the Plan, are permanently enjoined and precluded, from and after the Effective Date through and until the date upon which all remaining property of the Debtors' Estates vested in the Wind-Down Debtors has been liquidated and distributed in accordance with the terms of the Plan, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, Wind-Down Debtors, the Released Parties, or the Exculpated Parties: (1) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities; (2) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities; (3) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or Estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities; (4) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities unless such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right in a document filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (5) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities discharged, released, exculpated, or settled pursuant to the Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall release, compromise, impair, exculpate or in any way affect any Non-Released Claims, including the D&O Claims.

#### **G. SEC**

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the Disclosure Statement, Plan and/or Plan Confirmation Order, no provision shall (i) preclude the SEC from enforcing its police or regulatory powers; or, (ii) enjoin, limit, impair or delay the SEC from commencing or continuing any claims, causes of action, proceeding or investigations against any non-debtor person or non-debtor entity in any forum.

#### **H. Protection Against Discriminatory Treatment**

Consistent with section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, all Entities, including Governmental Units, shall not discriminate against the Wind-Down

Debtors or deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to, condition such a grant to, discriminate with respect to such a grant against, the Wind-Down Debtors, or another Entity with whom the Wind-Down Debtors have been associated, solely because the Debtors have been debtors under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, may have been insolvent before the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases (or during the Chapter 11 Cases), or have not paid a debt that is dischargeable in the Chapter 11 Cases.

#### **I. Recoupment**

In no event shall any Holder of a Claim be entitled to recoup against any claim, right, or Cause of Action of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, unless such Holder actually has provided notice of such recoupment in writing to the Debtors on or before the Confirmation Date, notwithstanding any indication in any Proof of Claim or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of recoupment.

#### **J. Subordination Rights.**

Any distributions under the Plan shall be received and retained free from any obligations to hold or transfer the same to any other Holder and shall not be subject to levy, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process by any Holder by reason of claimed contractual subordination rights. Any such subordination rights shall be waived, and the Confirmation Order shall constitute an injunction enjoining any Entity from enforcing or attempting to enforce any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination rights to property distributed under the Plan, in each case other than as provided in the Plan.

### **ARTICLE XI. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN**

#### **A. Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date**

It shall be a condition to Consummation of the Plan that the following conditions shall have been satisfied (or waived pursuant to the provisions of Article XI.B hereof):

1. The Confirmation Order shall have been duly entered and in full force and effect;
2. The Debtors shall have obtained all authorizations, consents, regulatory approvals, rulings, or documents that are necessary to implement and effectuate the Plan and each of the other transactions contemplated by the Liquidation;
3. The final version of the schedules, documents, and exhibits contained in the Plan Supplement, and all other schedules, documents, supplements and exhibits to the Plan, shall have been executed or Filed, as applicable, in form and substance consistent in all respects with the Plan, shall be acceptable to the DIP Agent, FILO Agent, and Creditors' Committee, and shall not have been modified in a manner inconsistent therewith;
4. The Professional Fee Escrow Account shall have been established and funded with Cash in accordance with Article II.B.2 of the Plan.
5. All accrued and unpaid Lender Fees shall have been paid.
6. The Debtors shall have implemented the Liquidation Transactions in a manner consistent in all material respects with the Plan.

**B. Waiver of Conditions**

The Debtors, with the consent of the DIP Agent, FILO Agent, and Creditors' Committee, may waive any of the conditions to the Effective Date set forth in Article XI.A of the Plan at any time, without any notice to any other parties in interest and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, and without any formal action other than proceeding to confirm and consummate the Plan.

**C. Substantial Consummation**

"Substantial Consummation" of the Plan, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1101(2), shall be deemed to occur on the Effective Date.

**D. Effect of Nonoccurrence of Conditions to the Effective Date**

If the Effective Date does not occur, the Plan shall be null and void in all respects and nothing contained in the Plan or the Disclosure Statement shall: (1) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims or Interests; (2) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtors, any Holders of a Claim or Interest, or any other Entity; or (3) constitute an admission, acknowledgment, offer, or undertaking by the Debtors, any Holders, or any other Entity in any respect.

**ARTICLE XII.  
MODIFICATION, REVOCATION, OR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PLAN**

**A. Modification and Amendments**

Subject to the limitations contained in the Plan, the Debtors reserve the right, with the consent of the DIP Agent, FILO Agent, and Creditors' Committee to modify the Plan and seek Confirmation consistent with the Bankruptcy Code and, as appropriate, not resolicit votes on such modified Plan. Subject to certain restrictions and requirements set forth in section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019 and those restrictions on modifications set forth in the Plan, the Debtors expressly reserve their rights, with the consent of the DIP Agent, FILO Agent, and Creditors' Committee, to alter, amend, or modify materially the Plan, one or more times, after Confirmation, and, to the extent necessary, may initiate proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court to so alter, amend, or modify the Plan, or remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Confirmation Order, in such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of the Plan.

**B. Effect of Confirmation on Modifications**

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall mean that all modifications or amendments to the Plan occurring after the solicitation thereof are approved pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and do not require additional disclosure or resolicitation under Bankruptcy Rule 3019.

**C. Revocation or Withdrawal of the Plan**

The Debtors reserve the right, with the consent of the DIP Agent, FILO Agent, and Creditors' Committee, to revoke or withdraw the Plan before the Confirmation Date. If the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or if Confirmation and Consummation does not occur, then: (1) the Plan shall be null and void in all respects; (2) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount certain of any Claim or Interest or Class of Claims or Interests), assumption or rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases effected by the Plan, and any document or agreement



executed pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed null and void; and (3) nothing contained in the Plan shall: (i) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims or Interests; (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtors or any other Entity, including the Holders of Claims; or (iii) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking of any sort by the Debtors or any other Entity.

### ARTICLE XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

Notwithstanding the entry of the Confirmation Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising out of, or related to, the Chapter 11 Cases and the Plan pursuant to sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, including jurisdiction to:

1. Allow, disallow, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate, or establish the priority, Secured or unsecured status, or amount of any Claim or Interest, including the resolution of any request for payment of any Administrative Claim and the resolution of any and all objections to the Secured or unsecured status, priority, amount, or allowance of Claims;
2. decide and resolve all matters related to the granting and denying, in whole or in part, of any applications for allowance of compensation or reimbursement of expenses to Professionals authorized pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or the Plan;
3. resolve any matters related to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, including: (a) the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which a Debtor is party or with respect to which a Debtor may be liable and to hear, determine, and, if necessary, liquidate, any Cure Claims or other Claims arising therefrom, including pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) any potential contractual obligation under any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed or assumed and assigned; and (c) any dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory, expired, or terminated;
4. ensure that distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims are accomplished pursuant to the provisions of the Plan and adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan;
5. adjudicate, decide, or resolve any motions, adversary proceedings, contested or litigated matters, and any other matters, and grant or deny any applications involving a Debtor or the Estates that may be pending on the Effective Date;
6. enter and implement such orders as may be necessary or appropriate to execute, implement, or consummate the provisions of (a) contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents approved by Final Order in the Chapter 11 Cases and (b) the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents created in connection with the Plan; *provided* that the Bankruptcy Court shall not retain jurisdiction over disputes concerning documents contained in the Plan Supplement that have a jurisdictional, forum selection, or dispute resolution clause that refers disputes to a different court;
7. enter and enforce any order for the sale of property pursuant to sections 363, 1123, or 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code;
8. grant any consensual request to extend the deadline for assuming or rejecting Unexpired Leases pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code;

9. issue injunctions, enter and implement other orders, or take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference by any Entity with Consummation or enforcement of the Plan;

10. hear, determine, and resolve any cases, matters, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action in connection with or in any way related to the Chapter 11 Cases, including: (a) with respect to the repayment or return of distributions and the recovery of additional amounts owed by the Holder of a Claim or an Interest for amounts not timely repaid pursuant to Article VI of the Plan; (b) with respect to the releases, injunctions, and other provisions contained in Article X of the Plan, including entry of such orders as may be necessary or appropriate to implement such releases, injunctions, and other provisions; (c) anything that may arise in connection with the Consummation, interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan and the Confirmation Order; or (d) related to section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code;

11. enter and implement such orders as are necessary or appropriate if the Confirmation Order is for any reason modified, stayed, reversed, revoked, or vacated;

12. adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan or any transactions contemplated therein;

13. consider any modifications of the Plan, to cure any defect or omission, or to reconcile any inconsistency in any Bankruptcy Court order, including the Confirmation Order;

14. resolve any cases, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action that may arise in connection with any Non-Released Claims, including the D&O Claims.

15. enforce all orders, judgments, injunctions, releases, exculpations, indemnifications, and rulings entered in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases with respect to any Entity, and resolve any cases, controversies, suits, or disputes that may arise in connection with any Entity's rights arising from or obligations incurred in connection with the Plan;

16. hear and determine matters concerning local, state, federal, and foreign taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code;

17. enter an order or Final Decree concluding or closing the Chapter 11 Cases;

18. enforce all orders previously entered by the Bankruptcy Court; and

19. hear and determine any other matters related to the Chapter 11 Cases and not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or the Judicial Code.

Nothing herein limits the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court to interpret and enforce the Plan and all contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents created in connection with the Plan, without regard to whether the controversy with respect to which such interpretation or enforcement relates may be pending in any state or other federal court of competent jurisdiction.

If the Bankruptcy Court abstains from exercising, or declines to exercise, jurisdiction or is otherwise without jurisdiction over any matter arising in, arising under, or related to the Chapter 11 Cases, including the matters set forth in this Article XIII, the provisions of this Article XIII shall have no effect on and shall not control, limit, or prohibit the exercise of jurisdiction by any other court having competent jurisdiction with respect to such matter.

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in a prior order of the Bankruptcy Court, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes concerning Claims against or Interests in the Debtors that arose prior to the Effective Date.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

##### **A. Immediate Binding Effect**

Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 3020(e), 6004(h), or 7062 or otherwise, upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the terms of the Plan shall be immediately effective and enforceable and deemed binding upon the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and any and all Holders of Claims or Interests (irrespective of whether such Claims or Interests are deemed to have accepted the Plan), all Entities that are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, discharges, exculpations, and injunctions described in the Plan, each Entity acquiring property under the Plan, and any and all non-Debtor parties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases with the Debtors. All Claims against and Interests in the Debtors shall be as fixed, adjusted, or compromised, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan regardless of whether any Holder of a Claim or Interest has voted on the Plan.

##### **B. Additional Documents**

On or before the Effective Date, the Debtors may File with the Bankruptcy Court such agreements and other documents as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan, which shall be acceptable to the DIP Agent, FILO Agent, and Creditors' Committee. The Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, all Holders of Claims receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan, and all other parties in interest shall, from time to time, prepare, execute, and deliver any agreements or documents and take any other actions as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the provisions and intent of the Plan.

##### **C. Dissolution of Statutory Committees**

On the Effective Date, any statutory committee appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases shall dissolve, and the members thereof shall be released and discharged from all rights and duties arising from, or related to, the Chapter 11 Cases.

##### **D. Payment of Statutory Fees**

All fees and applicable interest payable pursuant to section 1930 of the Judicial Code and 31 U.S.C. § 3717, as applicable, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at a hearing pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be paid by each of the Wind-Down Debtors for each quarter (including any fraction thereof) until the Chapter 11 Cases are converted, dismissed, or a Final Decree is issued, whichever occurs first.

##### **E. Reservation of Rights**

Before the Effective Date, neither the Plan, any statement or provision contained in the Plan, nor any action taken or not taken by any Debtor with respect to the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Confirmation Order, or the Plan Supplement shall be or shall be deemed to be an admission or waiver of any rights of any Debtor with respect to any Claims or Interests.

##### **F. Successors and Assigns**

The rights, benefits, and obligations of any Entity named or referred to in the Plan or the Confirmation Order shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of any heir, executor, administrator, successor, assign, affiliate, officer, director, manager, agent, representative, attorney, beneficiaries, or guardian, if any, of each Entity.

### G. Service of Documents

All notices, requests, and demands to or upon the Debtors to be effective shall be in writing (including by facsimile transmission) and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when actually delivered or, in the case of notice by facsimile transmission, when received and telephonically confirmed, addressed as follows:

Debtors	Counsel to the Debtors
<b>Bed Bath &amp; Beyond Inc.</b> 650 Liberty Avenue Union, New Jersey 07083 Attention: David Kastin	<b>Kirkland &amp; Ellis LLP</b> <b>Kirkland &amp; Ellis International LLP</b> 601 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022 Attention: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C., Emily E. Geier, P.C., and Derek I. Hunter and  <b>Cole Schotz P.C.</b> Court Plaza North, 25 Main Street Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 Attention: Michael D. Sirota, Esq. Warren A. Usatine, Esq., and Felice R. Yudkin, Esq.
Counsel to the Predecessor ABL Agent	Counsel to the FILO Lenders
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Counsel to the Creditors' Committee	United States Trustee
<b>Pachulski Stang Ziehl &amp; Jones</b> 780 Third Avenue, 34th Floor New York, New York 10017 Attention: Robert J. Feinstein and Bradford J. Sandler	Office of the United States Trustee One Newark Center 1085 Raymond Boulevard, Suite 2100 Newark, NY 07102

After the Effective Date, the Wind-Down Debtors shall have the authority to send a notice to parties in interest providing that, to continue to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, such party must File a renewed request to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. After the Effective Date, the Wind-Down Debtors are authorized to limit the list of Entities receiving documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 to those Entities who have Filed such renewed requests.

#### **H. Entire Agreement**

Except as otherwise indicated, the Plan supersedes all previous and contemporaneous negotiations, promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, and representations on such subjects, all of which have become merged and integrated into the Plan.

#### **I. Exhibits**

All exhibits and documents included in the Plan Supplement are incorporated into and are a part of the Plan as if set forth in full in the Plan. After the exhibits and documents are Filed, copies of such exhibits and documents shall be available upon written request to the Debtors' counsel at the address above or by downloading such exhibits and documents from the Debtors' restructuring website at <https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby> or the Bankruptcy Court's website at <https://www.njb.uscourts.gov>.

#### **J. Nonseverability of Plan Provisions**

If, before Confirmation, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the foregoing, is: (1) valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms; (2) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the Debtors' or Wind-Down Debtors' consent, as applicable; and (3) nonseverable and mutually dependent.

#### **K. Votes Solicited in Good Faith**

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtors will be deemed to have solicited votes on the Plan in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, and, pursuant to section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and each of their respective Affiliates, agents, representatives, members, principals, shareholders, officers, directors, managers, employees, advisors, and attorneys will be deemed to have participated in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code in the offer, issuance, sale, and purchase of Securities offered and sold under the Plan and any previous plan, and, therefore, neither any of such parties or individuals or the Wind-Down Debtors will have any liability for the violation of any applicable law (including the Securities Act), rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of votes on the Plan or the offer, issuance, sale, or purchase of the Securities offered and sold under the Plan and any previous plan.

#### **L. Waiver and Estoppel.**

Each Holder of a Claim or Interest shall be deemed to have waived any right to assert any argument, including the right to argue that its Claim or Interest should be Allowed in a certain amount, in a certain priority, Secured, or not subordinated by virtue of an agreement made with the Debtors or their counsel, or any other Entity, if such agreement was not disclosed in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or papers Filed before the Confirmation Date.

BED BATH & BEYOND INC. (on behalf of itself and  
all other Debtors)

Dated: September 11, 2023

/s/ Holly Etlin

Holly Etlin  
Chief Restructuring Officer and Chief Financial  
Officer of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.

**Exhibit B**

**Confirmation and Effective Date Notice**

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**DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>5</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-13359 (VFP)

(Jointly Administered)

<sup>5</sup> The last four digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 0488. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby>. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 Cases is 650 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.



**NOTICE OF (A) ENTRY OF THE ORDER  
(I) APPROVING THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
ON A FINAL BASIS AND (II) CONFIRMING THE SECOND  
AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF BED BATH & BEYOND INC.  
AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES AND (B) OCCURRENCE OF EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**TO ALL CREDITORS, INTEREST HOLDERS, AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Honorable Vincent F. Papalia, United States Bankruptcy Judge, entered an order confirming the *Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. And Its Debtor Affiliates* (as may be modified, the "Plan") [Docket No. 2160] and approving the Disclosure Statement on a final basis (the "Confirmation Order"), which the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court") docketed on [●], 2023.<sup>6</sup>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that copies of the Confirmation Order, the Plan, and the related documents are available on the Court's website at <https://www.njb.uscourts.gov/>. To access the Court's website, you will need a PACER password and login, which can be obtained at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Effective Date occurred on [[●], 2023].

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, unless otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any other applicable order of the Court or Holders of an Allowed Administrative Claim and the Debtors have agreed otherwise, all requests for payment of Administrative Claims must be Filed and served on the Debtors on or before the Administrative Claims Bar Date: the date that is fourteen (14) days following the Effective Date. Holders of Administrative Claims that are required to File and serve a request for payment of such Administrative Claims that do not File and serve such a request on or before the Administrative Claims Bar Date shall be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such Administrative Claims against the Debtors, any purchasers of their assets, or their respective property, and such Administrative Claims shall be deemed compromised, settled, and released as of the Effective Date. Parties exempted from filing requests for payment of Administrative Claims under the Bar Date Order are not required to comply the Administrative Claims Bar Date.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, unless otherwise provided by a Final Order of the Court, all Proofs of Claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, if any, must be filed with the Court within thirty (30) days after the later of (a) the date of entry of an order of the Court (including the Confirmation Order) approving such rejection, (b) the Effective Date of such rejection, or (c) the Effective Date.

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<sup>6</sup> Capitalized terms used in this notice shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan and the Confirmation Order.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Court has approved certain discharge, release, exculpation, injunction, and related provisions in Article X of the Plan.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Plan and its provisions are binding on the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and any Holder of a Claim or an Interest and such Holder's respective successors and assigns, whether or not the Claim or the Interest of such Holder is Impaired under the Plan, and whether or not such Holder voted to accept the Plan.

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**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Plan and its provisions are binding on the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, any Holder of a Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors and such Holder's respective successors and assigns, whether or not the Claim or Interest of such Holder is Impaired under the Plan and whether or not such Holder or Entity voted to accept the Plan.

Dated: [\_\_\_\_], 2023

*/s/ DRAFT*

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